

REMARKS

Claims 16, 18-26, 28, 30 and 31 are now pending in the application. Claim 31 is new. Claims 1-15, 17, 27 and 29 have been cancelled. Support for any claim amendments and additions can be found throughout the application as originally filed. As such, no new matter has been added. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 17, 18, and 24-26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 16 to include the limitations of claim 17. Claim 17 has been cancelled. Therefore, claim 16 and claims 18-21, 28, and 30, ultimately dependent therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant has added new claim 31. New claim 31 includes the limitations of independent claim 16, dependent claim 24 and intervening claims 22 and 23. Accordingly, claim 31 and claims 25 and 26, ultimately dependent therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office

Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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